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DE 101 38 062 discloses that the control for a cooking hob has an adjusting knob assembly (13) around which is a power scale (19) to vary the heating energy of the hob. It also has a temperature scale (21) to adjust the set temperature of the hob. The heating power scale and the temperature scale are arranged side by side in the adjustment range of the control knob. The power and temperature scales can have a common start point.

DE 198 02 932 discloses that the display method uses a 7-segment display (30) coupled to the manual setting knob (10) for on-off switching and power setting adjustment of the cooking plate, for indicating the selected power setting, which is temporarily replaced by a heating-up symbol during the initial heating-up period in which the cooking plate is supplied at full power. An Independent claim is also included for a display device for indicating the function of a cooking plate.

DE 2 204 557 Abstract not available.

EP 1 278 016 discloses that a display panel for oven functions with display fields for cooking zones forms a display area (6) within a control panel (1). Operating status for the cooking zones is displayed inside a further display (8). Control elements (3-5) for program selection and program design of oven and cool top platform functions are assigned to a centered navigational display (7).

DE 94 19 782 Abstract not available.

DE 101 52 132 discloses a device for displaying characters, especially for household appliances comprises individually controllable display elements (4-26) that form a 90° rotationally symmetric geometry (2) and a control unit (S) with which the display elements are combined to control the output of figures. An Independent claim is made for a method for displaying characters using 90° rotationally symmetric display element.

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		DE 101 38 062	02-13-2003	Hans Seehuber		
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